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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

It is requested hereby that the time to respond to the Notice to Comply of October 23, 2006 be extended one month, to Tuesday, December 26, 2006.

Form PTO-2038 is enclosed in payment for the extension fee. If there is any

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Respectfully submitted,

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